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SCHOOL ELECTION IN ALL DISTRICTS MONDAY, APRIL 6

Two Directors to be Chosen in each District and in some Three

PATRONS SHOULD TAKE AN INTEREST

Superintendent Clark Explains the Law and its Apparent Contradictions

Section 1532, Compiled Laws of 1897 provides that,—

1—On the second Monday in March (March 9th) school directors shall post notices of election to be held on the first Monday in April (April 6th).

2—Only legal voters residing and paying taxes in said district shall be qualified to vote. (A man who pays poll tax is a tax payer).

3—Hours of election, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

4—Place of election,—school house or some other convenient place specified in notice.

5—Result of election must be certified to county superintendent by directors giving notices of election and acting as judges of such election.

6—Term of office of newly elected directors begins first Monday in May following the election (May 4th, 1908)

8—Penalty for failure to post notices and to correctly report result of election.

Chapter LV, Laws of 1901, provides,—

1—Term of office of school director, three years.

2—Election to be held to fill vacancies

The law changing the date of election of directors to the first Monday in April passed the legislature last spring at so late a date that it was impossible for the various districts to hold an election in 1907. Directors whose terms were to expire in 1907 have, therefore, held over to 1908. This being the case there must be at least two school directors elected in each school district on April 6th, 1908; one for three years to succeed A, who was elected in 1905 and whose term expires May fourth, 1908; one for two years to succeed B, who was elected in 1904 and whose term expired in 1907, but who held over because of no election.

The terms of all directors who hold office by appointment expire May 4th, 1908, therefore directors must be elected in such cases. If the districts have been organized and all members of the board of directors hold office by appointment, three men must be elected, one for three years; one for two years, one for one year.

There may be some apparent complication in the matter of election this year, but the point should be kept in mind that this election must be so planned that under average conditions one director need be elected in 1909, and he for a term of three years.

I would recommend that the county superintendents carefully study the conditions in each of his districts and notify each board of school directors, giving definite directions as to,

- a. Number of men to be elected.
- b. Length of term of each.
- c. Form of oath.
- d. Form of ballot.
- e. Qualified voters.

Trusting this matter may be given your immediate attention since the time is already upon us, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) J. E. Clark

Supt. of Public Instruction.

Santa Fe, New Mexico,
March 2nd., 1908.

P. S. Since we have to the credit of the common school fund only about four

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Three Wounded in Amateur Battle

During an altercation last Monday morning at the Hatley ranch northeast of town, Louis McKinley was shot through the abdomen, and is seriously if not fatally wounded, while Wesley Halloway and L. E. Hatley are also wounded. McKinley and Halloway were employed by J. E. Pauley in drilling a well for Hatley, the well having supposedly been completed. It appears that Hatley was not satisfied and forbade the drillers from moving the machinery until the contract should have been completed. Words led to threats and threats to guns. McKinley was taken to the hospital in Santa Fe, where he has lingered, his life hanging by a mere thread. The bullet buck shot, entered a little to the side of the medial line beneath the lower ribs, passing through the abdomen, and striking the backbone, glancing off. The bullet was later taken from the right side.

Hatley received a wound in the arm and another in the fleshy part of the thigh. Halloway was that in the right fore-arm, the bone being shattered and as yet the bullet has not been located.

The attending physician, Dr. W. E. Sunderland took Mr. McKinley to the hospital in Santa Fe, where he can be given closer attention than would be possible here. At last reports all three were getting along as well as could be expected.

Silverton School District Created

On the 10th inst. Superintendent Jaramillo announced the formation of a new school district to be known as Silverton school district, No. 17 of Torrance county. The boundaries of the same are: Beginning at the southeast corner of section 32, township 8 north, range 8 east, thence running north one mile, thence east one mile, thence north five miles to the north boundary of said township; thence west three miles to the northwest corner of said township; thence south six miles along the west boundary of said township, to the southwest corner thereof, thence east two miles to the place of beginning.

Directors Elected

The election of directors for the coming year of the Estancia Public Service Company on last Saturday, resulted in the choice of M. B. Atkinson, James Walker, E. W. Roberson, A. H. Garrett, and J. F. Lasater as the directorate. The new board will have a meeting in the very near future to decide on what course is most practicable in the matter of the attempt for artesian water.

The well has been sunk to a depth of about 340 feet, and according to Mr. Comer, who has been doing the drilling, further drilling with an ordinary drill is out of the question. In his opinion it will be necessary to secure a rotary drill to go farther.

Anti-Saloon League Meeting

A meeting of the Anti-Saloon League has been called, for next Wednesday night March 18, at the Baptist Church. All interested in the work of this organization are expected to be present and assist in getting the work started in earnest. The League has been fully organized and it is hoped to get down to actual business at once.

Immigrant Cars

Three emigrant cars were brought in to Estancia from Ponca City, Oklahoma, the first of the week, by R. L. Porter, D. M. Short and O. J. Simmons. They brought with them besides household goods, farming implements, etc., seventeen head of work horses, nine cows, hogs, etc. They came prepared to make the valley their homes and will do yeoman work in developing the same.

WELCOME TO ALBUQUERQUE'S BUSINESS TRADE EXCURSION

By Estancia Business Men and Estancia Valley Farmers, Friday, March 13, 1908

Upon arrival of the Special, the Excursionists will be the guests of the Estancia Business Men at Breakfast at Bennett's Café, corner of Fifth Street and Williams Avenue.

At 9:00 o'clock a reception will be tendered the Excursionists by the Estancia Business Men and Estancia Valley Farmers at the Methodist Church, corner of Sixth Street and Williams Avenue.

PROGRAM

Address of Welcome, J. P. Kennedy
Response, Member of Excursion Party
"Estancia," Male Quartet
Address, on behalf of the Territory, Governor Curry
Address, on behalf of Albuquerque, Member of Excursion Party
Address, on behalf of 16th National Irrigation Congress, Member of Excursion Party
Address, on behalf of the Estancia Valley, C. H. Hittson

ESTANCIA

Tune "Juanita"

Far from the Eastward
Comes a throng free homes to gain
Far to the Northward
Soars thy wondrous fame.
From the snowcapped mountains
From the springs within the vale
From the unseen fountains
Comes the song—All Hail!

REFRAIN

Estancia, fair Estancia,
Every heart beats true to thee
Estancia, fair Estancia
Loyal would we be

II

Ne'er in our dreaming
Long we for our old homes dear,
For life is teeming
With God's sunshine clear.
But with all our loved ones
We would fain just now prevail
Lead them to our valley
Sing with them, All Hail!

III

Lest in our boasting
We forget our Albuquerque friends
Here's a hearty toasting
That Estancia sends.
To the men of valor
In our busy marts of trade
To the men of music
We now lend our aid.

REFRAIN

Estancia, fair Estancia
Gives to you a hearty cheer
Estancia, fair Estancia
Holds you all most dear.

MRS. C. H. HITTSON

Three Death in Valley this Week

Yesterday morning word was received in Estancia of the death on Wednesday night of S. K. Rush, editor of the Messenger, at Moriarty, of peritonitis. On Monday night Mr. Rush attended a meeting of the Board of trade, and was apparently in the best of health. He was taken ill the next morning, and grew worse until death relieved him from his suffering late Wednesday night. The remains were taken to Delphus, Kansas for interment. In his death the valley has lost a staunch friend and one who has utilized every opportunity to assist in the development of the valley.

J. G. Mussen, who has a claim about eight miles northeast of Estancia, died at the Alamo Hotel yesterday morning. Mr. Mussen has been in poor health for sometime and came to the valley thinking that he would improve in the higher altitude, but like too many others he came too late. He was a member of the local lodge of A. F. & A. M., who have rendered every aid possible. Deceased was a native of Ireland, and had no relatives in this country. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge, taking place this afternoon.

Perfecta McAfee died yesterday at 10:30 a. m. at the home of her daughter Mrs. Milton Dow in Estancia. Mrs. McAfee was a native of Las Cruces, having spent most of her life of three score years and ten in this part of the territory. She is survived by four daughters and one son; Mrs. Milton Dow, of Estancia; Mrs. Haynes of Albuquerque; Mrs. Leticia Bolander of Magdalena, Miss Josie McAfee and George McAfee of Chilli, besides a large number of grand children and great-grand-children. The funeral will occur at Chilli, the remains having been taken to that place yesterday morning.

Fined for Killing Game out of Season

Last Saturday Gabino Padilla, of Manzano, was tried before Justice of the Peace Zamora at Torreon, on a warrant sworn out by Territorial Game Warden W. E. Griffin, charging him with having killed wild turkey out of season. He was found guilty and fined \$50 and costs, the latter being remitted however. It was proven that he had killed two of the birds, which at \$25 each, makes them rather expensive game.

Sunday School Institute

The Sunday School Institute at the Baptist Church last Friday to Monday inclusive was a success both as regards attendance and interest. All who were assigned topics responded cheerfully, performing their duties in a gratifying and creditable manner. Rev. Rupard's addresses were especially inspiring and helpful. He is a master in this line of work and all Sunday School workers who missed this treat, should regret their absence. Much credit for the success of the meetings is also due the local pastor, Rev. D. B. Jackson, who worked untiringly for the success of the efforts.

Farewell Reception

A farewell reception was given in honor of Mrs. T. J. Heady by Mrs. L. B. Miller at her home four miles north of Estancia, one evening last week. As a social gathering it was a decided success. Cake and coffee were served, being enjoyed by the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Heady, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Dye, Mrs. J. D. Childers, Mrs. J. T. Kelley, Mrs. H. F. Ludwig, and Mrs. S. M. King.

A Guest.

ROCK ISLAND'S NEW TOWNSITE OF VAUGHN

Is Platted North of Track, while Santa Fe's Townsite is to the South

EACH FIGHTING FOR SUPREMACY

After Santa Fe has Expended Thousands in Improvements, Rock Island would Share Harvest

Special correspondence to the News

Vaughn, N. M., Mar. 10.—The greatest sensation ever witnessed on the Cut off, centers this week at Vaughn. It was suddenly, and altogether unexpectedly, sprung on the Santa Fe by her great rival, the Rock Island. It was nothing more nor less than a clever attempt on her part to steal away the Santa Fe townsite at Vaughn. For the past two years, the Santa Fe has been doing a land office business in real estate. She bought great tracts of land at various points along the line, ostensibly for yards and shops and round houses, but in reality for speculation purposes. At Texico, Clovis, Melrose and other places she bought land, set aside what she needed for railroad purposes for present and future use, and proceeded to lay off the rest in townsites. She found a ready market for her lots in the gullible settlers who came pouring into the new country.

It was a legitimate business, within the scope of the articles of incorporation, and could be carried on incidentally with railroad building and why not reap on the side, some of the benefits of the splendid opportunities she was creating for the people? "Sure Mike" she says "we will." So she flew at it and the harvest she reaped was surprisingly great.

When it was finally settled that Vaughn was to be the division point, she planned to build up a big town all her own. She bought 900 acres of land extending two miles along the track on the south side. She laid out a 6-track yard, two miles long. Built a fine depot costing \$25,000. Erected a concrete round house, which when completed and equipped will cost probably \$50,000. Put up a monster coal chute, and laid the foundation for a reservoir to hold ten million gallons of water. Then quietly and without any ado, laid out her big townsite. Merchants, business men, speculators sought to buy, but the Santa Fe was not yet ready to spring her darling project, so she put them off with leases. For over a year she poured money into Vaughn as freely as the water she brought from Willard. Her engineers were busy platting off business blocks, printing blue prints, running back and forth from Mountainair and Belen—presumably to get pointers from Becker and Corbett—and at last everything was just about ready for the launching of her pet side scheme, when lo! the Rock Island (in connection with the E. P. & S. W.) like a wily cat, that had been feigning sleep, suddenly pounced upon the unsuspecting mouse.

Last Monday morning at day break a Rock Island special stopped on the track a mile northwest of Vaughn. A prominent official, once familiar on the Santa Fe, alighted followed by six brass collars. They quietly stole up the gentle slope and by the time the day had fairly begun, the Rock Island had laid out the new townsite of Vaughn.

Mr. Mudge waited until the Santa Fe had built and nicely feathered its nest, then slipped in and put a Rock Island hen in it and begun hatching Plymouth Rock Island chicks in his former mother's nest. It was a clever move, executed with a finesse equalled only by the

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More Filings in the territory

Santa Fe, N. M., March 5.—(Special) —The federal land officers in this city announced today that the number of homestead entries during February had exceeded those of any previous month in the history of the office, just as those for January had exceeded every previous month and as those during the present month promise to exceed those of every previous month.

Since New Year over 700 homestead entries have been made at the Santa Fe office, while at the other three offices in the territory fully 1,200 entries were made. The rapidly increasing business at the local land office necessitates the employment of another clerk and today Blake Franklin was transferred to the position from the Cheyenne, Wyo. office.

The enormous business at the Clayton office has necessitated a move for the creation of a other land district, the fifth for the territory, to have headquarters at Tucumcari, Quay county. More than 5,000 people have been added to the population of the territory since the new year. —Denver Republican

Second Home- stead Entries

Under the provisions of a new law passed by the sixtieth Congress and approved February 8th, 1908, citizens of the United States otherwise having the necessary qualifications are allowed to make a second homestead entry. The new statute reads: "An act providing for second homestead entries. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That any person who, prior to the passage of this act, has made entry under the homestead laws, but from any cause has lost, forfeited or abandoned the same, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead law as though such former entry had not been made, and any person applying for a second homestead under this act shall furnish the description and date of his former entry. Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any reason whose entry was cancelled for fraud or who relinquished the former entry for a valuable consideration."